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**MARLTON, NEW JERSEY MAN SENTENCED TO FOUR YEARS IN PRISON FOR
POSSESSING TENS OF THOUSANDS OF IMAGES OF CHILD PORNOGRAPHY**

CAMDEN, N.J. – A Burlington County, N.J., man was sentenced today to 48 months in prison for possessing a large collection of child pornography, United States Attorney Paul J. Fishman announced.

Edmund Arnold, 60, of Marlton, previously pleaded guilty to an Information before United States District Judge Noel L. Hillman, who also imposed the sentence today in Camden federal court.

At his plea hearing, Arnold admitted that he possessed more than 600 images of child pornography on a computer hard drive, which law enforcement officers seized on March 20, 2009, from a local computer repair shop. The images portrayed individuals under the age of 18 engaged in sexually explicit conduct, including numerous minors under the age of 12. The images also portrayed sadistic or masochistic conduct or other depictions of violence.

According to statements made today in Camden federal court, Arnold possessed at least 41,849 images of child pornography and 1,059 videos. Per the advisory United States Sentencing Guidelines, each video containing child pornography is the equivalent of 75 images – meaning Arnold possessed a total of 121,274 images of child pornography.

In addition to the prison term, Judge Hillman sentenced Arnold to five years of supervised release and ordered him to pay a \$3,000 fine and forfeit his computer equipment.

U.S. Attorney Fishman credited special agents of the FBI, under the direction of Special Agent in Charge Michael B. Ward, for the investigation of this case, and thanked the Evesham Township Police Department and the Burlington County Prosecutor's Office for providing valuable assistance.

The government is represented by Assistant United States Attorney Matthew Skahill of the U.S. Attorney's Office Criminal Division in Camden.

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